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Dear Dr. Gray

I wrote to you yesterday at my office in reply to yours and this partly in reply to what you said about an alleged Ragisbothrys. When I went home I made a thorough examination of the specimens and especially of the one which bore the fruit. This was apparently on a branch almost from the root. At first I thought I was all right but noticing that there was a slight difference in the pubescence of the calyx I examined every part of the plant and finally found that the Ragisbothrys fruiting branch did not really belong to the main plant! It had evidently in some way been caught in the axil of a lower leaf and wedged in

so tightly that it had borne all the handling, poisoning, pressing down, &c., without being in the least disturbed. Mrs. Austin was in the habit of putting in a mass of specimens on one paper and this was probably the way in which ~~the~~ "we missed those children up". I could hardly believe that I had been so deceived. It is now evident that you were quite right in your guess and that the main specimens belong to Kryptzkia - probably to K. Sconleri. I ought to have added before that I really did not believe the above until I had carefully dissected the most advanced flower & ovary on the main plant and found that in all probability the forming gynobase was that of Kryptzkia rather than of Plagiobothrys. You will laugh at me I know but I would rather have you laugh at this stage of the game than later. I write hastily with business going on all around me, but I "guess" you can make this out.

With renewed regards

Yours truly

M. Manly